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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 11 September 2008.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-21 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 9-16 and 19-21 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8, 17 and 18 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-8508)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 2/28/06, 7/10/07, 9/20/07, 11/28/07
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

This office action is in response to applicants' communication filed on 9/11/08.

Claims 1-21 are pending in this application.

Applicant's election with partial traverse of Group 1, claims 1-8 and 17-18 in the reply filed on 9/11/08 is acknowledged. The traversal is on the ground that Groups 2-5 and 8 can be deemed within the same group as Group 1. More specifically, Group 1 relates to a compound of Formula (1), Groups 2-4 relate to an intermediate of the compound of Formula (1), Group 5 relates to a method of making the compound of Formula (1), and Group 8 relates to a method of using the compound of Formula (1). Consequently, Groups 1-5 and 8 have a common characteristic of the compound of Formula (1) and have unity in accordance with the PCT unity rules. PCT Unity is satisfied when 1) multiple inventions have unity when the inventions have the same or corresponding special technical features, and 2) the special technical features are common features that define the inventions over the prior art. In this case, the compound of Formula (1) is the special technical feature. At the very least, Groups 1, 5 and 8 have a common characteristic of the compound of Formula (1) and have unity in accordance with the PCT unity rules.

This is not found persuasive because the generic structure of the claimed compounds are very broad and are chemically disparate, so as to lacking the corresponding special technical feature. A search of the entire application, or for the groups as recommended by applicants would place undue burden on the PTO. Claims 9-16 and 19-21 stand withdrawn, being drawn to the non elected subject matter.

The requirement is still deemed proper and is therefore made FINAL.

Also acknowledged is the species of example 130. Claims 1-8 and 17-18 will be examined to the extent they read on the elected species and closely related compounds, Encompassing the elected species.

Priority

1. Receipt is acknowledged of papers submitted under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d), which papers have been placed of record in the file.

Information Disclosure Statement

2. The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on 2/28/06, 7/10/07, 9/20/07 and 11/28/07 are in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97.

Accordingly, the information disclosure statements have been considered by the examiner.

3. The elected species is free of prior art.

4. Claims 1-8 and 17-18 are objected to as containing subject matter that is drawn to the non elected subject matter, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims, encompassing the elected species and closely related compounds.

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to SHAIENDRA - KUMAR whose telephone number is (571)272-0640. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thur 8:00-5:30, Alt Fri.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Daniel Sullivan can be reached on (571)272-0779. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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